

**Remarks**

Applicants amended the above-referenced application in the Second Preliminary Amendment filed August 30, 2004 which included the following priority claim:

“The present application is a continuation application of Application No. 09/985,417, filed November 2, 2001, which is a continuation application of Application No. 09/198,486, filed November 24, 1998, which is a continuation application of Application No. 08/487,443, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,847,172, all of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.”

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/487,443 included Figures 17A and 17B when filed and the patent that issued from the application (U.S. Patent No. 5,847,172) issued with Figures 17A and 17B. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,847,172 showing Figures 17A and 17B (sheet 20 of 20), is attached hereto.

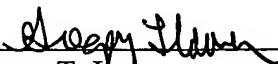
The priority claim made in the instant application clearly claims benefit of the 08/487,443 application and incorporates by reference the 08/487,443 application (including the figures) in its entirety. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Figures 17A and 17B are already a part of the instant application and are thus entitled to the April 15, 2004 filing date of the instant application. Applicants have provided herewith copies of Figures 17A and 17B for inclusion in the instant application. Applicants respectfully request inclusion of Figures 17A and 17B in the application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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